

teachings and advantages of the invention. Accordingly, all such modifications and variations are intended to be included within the scope of this invention.

Claims

[c1]

1. A method for broadcasting an event, comprising the steps of:

broadcasting an event to at least two recipients in disparate geographical locations, wherein each recipient is assigned to at least one of multiple interest groups; and

supplementing the broadcast of the event with content broadcast to at least one of the multiple interest groups.

[c2]

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

configuring the broadcast such that at least some of the supplemental content is supplied by the at least one recipient.

[c3]

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

broadcasting the event via the Internet.

[c4]

4. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of:

organizing the multiple interest groups to memorialize at least one deceased individual.

[c5]

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the steps of:

launching cremated remains of the at least one deceased individual into outer space; and

relating the broadcasting of the event to the launching.

[c6]

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

configuring the broadcast such that at least some of the supplemental content is supplied by the recipients.

[c7]

7.The method of claim 6 wherein at least some of the supplemental content is different among the multiple interest groups.

[c8]

8The method of claim 7 wherein at least some of the supplemental content includes remembrances of the at least one deceased individual.

[c9]

9.The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of:

limiting access to the supplemental content to authorized recipients.

[c10]

10.The method of claim 1 wherein at least some of the supplemental content includes remembrances of at least one deceased individual.

[c11]

11.The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

limiting access to the supplemental content to authorized recipients.

[c12]

12.The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

including information in the broadcast related to a status of a mission.

[c13]

13.The method of claim 12 wherein the mission includes a space launch.

[c14]

14.The method of claim 5 wherein the supplemental content comprises an opportunity to make on-line gifts or donations.

[c15]

15.The method of claim 5 wherein the supplemental content comprises an opportunity to purchase physical objects related to a memorial service.

[c16]

16. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of:

configuring the broadcast to include at least two recipients to engage in web chatting.

[c17]

17. A system for providing customized observance of an event broadcasted via a communication network, comprising:

an operator site, said site transmitting said broadcast to at least one participant at a user site;

a server providing said broadcast via said communication network to said user site; and a processor permitting said participant to customize an output of said broadcast at said user site by supplementing said broadcast with content, said content determined by said participant.

[c18]

18. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said content comprises a personal message.

[c19]

19. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said content is a streaming video.

[c20]

20. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said communication network is the Internet.

[c21]

21. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said event is a memorial service.

[c22]

22. The system in accordance with claim 21, wherein said memorial service is a space burial.

[c23]

23. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said user site further comprises:

a microphone for said participant to provide audio content to supplement said broadcast; and

a video camera for said participant to provide visual content to supplement said broadcast.

[c24]

24. The system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said content is transmitted to a participant at a second user site via said communication network.

[c25]

25. A method for providing customized observance of an event broadcasted via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

an operator site broadcasting to at least one participant at a user site from the operator site;

accessing said broadcast via said communication network from said user site; and

customizing an output of said broadcast at said user site by permitting said at least one participant to supplement said broadcast with content, said content being determined by said at least one participant.

[c26]

26. The method in accordance with claim 25, further comprising the step of :

configuring said output as a video display.

[c27]

27. The method in accordance with claim 25, further comprising the step of:

configuring said output as an audio output.

[c28]

28. The method in accordance with claim 25, wherein said communication network is the Internet.

[c29]

29. The method in accordance with claim 25, wherein said event is a memorial service.

[c30]

30. The method in accordance with claim 29, wherein said memorial service is a space burial.

[c31]

31.The method in accordance with claim 25, wherein said content consists of a personal message.

[c32]

32.The method in accordance with claim 25, further comprising the step of:

transmitting said customization of said output to a participant at a second user site via said communication network.

[c33]

33.The method in accordance with claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

preparing said content in advance of said broadcasted event;

storing said content in a memory; and

retrieving said content with a processor coupled to said memory for customizing said broadcast of said event.

[c34]

34.A method of user participation in a memorial service for a space burial, comprising:

a)providing a web site or other graphical user interface for users to access via the Internet or via another computer network;

b)displaying a webcast via said web site of a memorial service on behalf of at least one deceased individual having remains included in a space burial mission; and

c)having users view the webcast from remote computers connected to said computer network.

[c35]

35.A method of user participation in a space burial, comprising:

a)providing a server programmed to create a web site or graphical user interface accessible via the Internet or a computer network;

b)providing a space vehicle having a deceased individual cargo section;

c)obtaining video images of said space vehicle during travel of said space vehicle; and

d)creating an Internet or computer network broadcast of said video images;

e)having a member of the public access and view said broadcast via a local computer over the Internet or computer network in substantially real-time.

[c36]

36.A method of personalizing a space burial service, comprising:

a)programming a web site or graphical user interface accessible via the Internet or another computer network;

b)launching a space vehicle having a deceased individual cargo section;

c)accessing the web site via the Internet or computer network at a local computer remote from the server;

d) inputting information via said web site related to a memorial service on behalf of at least one of said deceased individuals; and

e)adapting an on-line memorial service based on said information submitted.

[c37]

37.A method of user participation in memorial services for space burials, comprising:

a)providing a web site or other graphical user interface for users to access via the Internet or via another computer network;

b)displaying a webcast via the web site of a memorial service on behalf of at least one deceased individual having remains included in a space burial mission; and

c)having users participate in the memorial service by submitting statements on-line from remote computers connected to said computer network.

[c38]

38.The method of claim 37, further including submitting the user statements in substantially real-time with the memorial service.

[c39]

39.The method of claim 37, further including pre-recording and submitting the user statements in advance of the memorial service.

[c40]

40.A method of personalizing a memorial service, comprising: